



## **Major General Craig B. Whelden**

### **Deputy Commanding General**

#### **U.S. Army, Pacific**

Major General Craig B. Whelden assumed duties as Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army, Pacific, 19 July 2000. Prior to his present assignment, he was the Commanding General, U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, Alexandria, Virginia.

Major General Whelden was commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate from Purdue University in 1973. He has served in command and staff assignments in CONUS and Germany in tank battalions, armor heavy brigades, a divisional cavalry squadron, and on divisional staff. Key assignments include Tank Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Battalion Maintenance Officer, 2-5 Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division; Tank Company Commander and Battalion S-3, 1-35 Armor, 1st Armored Division; Assignments Officer, Armor Branch, MILPERCEN; S-3, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry, and S-3, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division; and Chief of Doctrine/Literature, Armor/Cavalry Tactics Division, Command and Staff Department, U.S. Armor School.

He assumed command of 2nd Battalion, 10th Cavalry on 27 July 1989 and remained the commander until its deactivation on 28 September 1990. On that day, he took command of 1st Battalion, 10th Cavalry, a newly formed combined arms task force. From July 1992-December 1993, he served as the G3, 3d Infantry Division. In March 1994, he took command of the 98th Area Support Group in Wuerzburg, Germany. In October 1995, he became the Chief of Staff, 3d Infantry Division, reflagging the division in April 1996 to the 1st Infantry Division. After his selection as a general officer in 1996, he served as the Deputy Director for Operations, National Military Command Center in the Pentagon and stayed there until becoming the Commanding General of the Community and Family Support Center from July 1998-July 2000.

Major General Whelden is a graduate of Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Purdue University and a Master of Arts degree from Webster University.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Joint Staff Identification Badge, the Ranger Tab and the Parachute Badge.